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## Newsletter

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### Thanks

- .. to those who dropped by this week to pay outstanding term fees and maths whizz subscriptions.
- .. to those parents who shared our tri-kids day with us.
- .. to those who supported the school in any way whatsoever over this eventful term.

### People of the week

- .. Our term 1 maths lab students.
- .. Our marae noho students who this week gifted a very special song to our school. We now have a song in Maori which is unique to our school and which will also serve as our pepeha. This is a special taonga which will be part of our school for many generations to come. We sincerely thank these students, and those who worked with them, for this most special gift. You will find our song at the end of this newsletter.
- .. Congratulations to the following children for participating in the NSSA Kai Iwi Lake Triathlon Yr 7 & 8 Division: Michelle 1<sup>st</sup>, Natasha 5<sup>th</sup>, Aimee 8<sup>th</sup>, Caleb 9<sup>th</sup>, Caleb 10<sup>th</sup>, Angus 11<sup>th</sup>. Well done guys!
- .. Lachie received "Player of the Day" and Asher "Tackler of the Day" for JB1 Kamo White. Te Arahi received "Player of the Day" for JBN Kamo Wolves.
- .. Demetrius ... see end of newsletter

### Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative).  
We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

16 Apr	2014 Youth Summit
17 April	Final day for term 1
5 May	Commencement of term 2

### Maths labs - Term 2 (Years 4 to 8)

Students involved in maths labs during term 1 have generally shown a huge improvement. This week a number of families received an invitation to fill a limited number of available spaces for term 2. If you did not receive an invitation, and would like your child involved in labs, please contact Mrs Donaldson (or the office) early next week. These labs are superbly suited to extension as well as consolidation. If you have questions about labs please don't hesitate to give us a call. If your child needs a boost in maths you should give serious consideration to their inclusion ... the cost to school families is less than 10% of the cost of private tuition and we cannot guarantee that these programmes will continue indefinitely.

### **Important Notice re Maths Labs**

Please note that there will be no maths labs next Thursday and Monday of Week 1, Term 2. Labs resume Thursday 8 May.

### **Maths Whizz - 23- 26 April Average mins/week**

Room	Gold	Silver	Bronze
8	Brianna	Hanna	Jacob
9	Eve	Caitlyn	Hannah
10	Charlie*	Jessica	Rose
Yr 7	Grace	Luke	Ethan
Yr 8	Oliver	Campbell	Caleb

\* Charlie Finlayson averaged the highest time with an impressive 301 minutes

### **Some reminders from last week**

- .. please share the "safety at roadsides" message with your children and discuss with them any specific dangers on the route they take to school.
- .. advise the school office by 2:45 PM any changes to regular bus arrangements.
- .. if you have found a white Baby G watch please contact our school office.

### **Over the holidays**

Please encourage children to spend some time on Maths Whizz (years 4 and up) and on home reading. House points will be awarded for reading mileage. The school library is open next week for those needing holiday reading material.

### **Mrs Walker**

Best wishes to Mrs Walker who takes leave at the end of this term to have her baby. We wish Mrs Walker the very best for the life changing months ahead and know she will make a great mum. Mrs Walker will re-join our team next year. We will keep you posted on her news.

### **Poppy Day**

We have designated Wednesday 16 April as Poppy Day at our school. So ... if you would like to support our ex-servicemen, please send along a (minimum) gold coin donation.

### **Lower Bus Bay**

If parking in the lower bus bay please ensure there is sufficient passing room for the school buses .. we would hate for someone to lose a wing mirror.

### **Religious Instruction Classes**

.. commence Monday 12 May. These classes will operate 9:00 to 9:30 on Monday mornings. If your child was included last year (or you "opted in" at enrolment), we will assume your consent to include again this year. If not included last year, we will assume non-inclusion again this year. If you would like to change last year's arrangements please advise our school office next week and we will update our records. We also understand that there may be changes within the first 2 weeks of the programme getting up and operating and this is fine (as long as arrangements are firmed up by week beginning 26 May). Please don't hesitate to contact Kevin if you have questions about this programme. The curriculum is ecumenical, mainstream and heavily aligned to the National Health Curriculum. The time taken for religious instruction is made up in increments across the week to ensure regular learning time is minimally impacted. Non-attending children will be allocated work for this time and will be supervised and supported by a staff member. You should feel under no pressure to include or non-include - this is, quite rightly, absolutely your call!

### **Headlice**

We have been advised of headlice infestation in some parts of the school. As we will not be undertaking a whole school inspection until early next term, parents are asked to check their children's hair in the meantime and treat where necessary. Thank you!

### Learning Support Programme

If your child has been nominated for placement in Mrs Comrie's Learning Support Programme for term 2 please return their consent form as soon as possible. Please note that parent support with homework tasks is essential if the benefits of involvement are to be optimised.

### Payment of school contributions, activity fees etc

.. for those who have not yet paid school contributions and activity fees these due next week please. Reminder notices were sent home this week. A reminder that there is a 10% discount for school contributions paid in the first term. Any questions to Helen please.

### Lost Property

Please drop by sometime next week to have a look at our lost property mountain (between rooms 10 and 11). Clothes, footwear and towels left on Thursday will be donated to charities.

### Easter Raffle

The Junior children are raising money for an organisation called Experiencing Marine Reserves. They decided to do this after visiting the marine reserve themselves. We are running an Easter raffle with Easter baskets full of goodies as prizes. The tickets are \$2. If middle and senior school children would like to be in to win one of the Easter baskets, please bring your money to school. A junior child will come around to the classes to collect the money and put your name in the draw. **The draw will be on Tuesday 15th April.** A huge thank you from the Junior School for supporting our fundraising project.

### Bullying

Over previous weeks we established that bullying ...

- .. is not unkindness or thoughtlessness (although this also needs to be dealt with)
- .. is usually deliberate, involves a power imbalance, is repeated and is harmful
- .. is usually either verbal, physical, social or (new kid on the block) cyber
- .. is part of the wider society
- .. needs to be taken very seriously

This week we promised to share what research says are the best strategies for combatting bullying. Briefly these are as follows ..

- .. both bully and victim need to be part of resolution (and both need support)
- .. that responsibility must be accepted by all parties where appropriate (no matter how small the degree of responsibility)
- .. that a punitive (accusatory) approach usually does not help and often makes things worse
- .. that follow-up and on-going monitoring are essential to resolution
- .. that growing victim resilience (to the degree this can be reasonably expected) is **CRUCIAL**

These strategies support change, prevent matters from escalating, keep things in the open, teach children to take responsibility, to feel another's pain and to move forward. While this process can seem painstaking to some parents, it undoubtedly gets the best long term results. It takes patience ... but we are all a work in progress aren't we!

Next term will ask Mr D to include some information on how to mitigate the effects of cyber bullying. So .. watch this space.

### Finally

As you know we are trying to convey to children that little things matter. Have you noticed how often we can pass by something, which in reality is pretty awesome, and give it barely a second thought? (It is often the converse with negative things which seem to stick in our heads). This week Demetrius Opert took it upon himself to look after his little sister while his mum was doing business at school. Demetrius left what he was doing, stuck with his little sister, helped her up and down steps, ensured she was safe and happy, and reunited her with her mum when it was time to go ... Demetrius never left her side. Demetrius I was blown away by the consideration you showed towards your little sister and your sense of duty towards her. Thanks for being such a fantastic role model.

### Finally ... mean it this time!

This is the final newsletter of term 1. Thank you to parents for your support this term, teachers for your hard work and children for a great start to the year. If travelling over the holidays we wish you safe travel. Our very special school song follows .. read and enjoy!

#### MATARAU SCHOOL SONG

Ko Matarau te maunga  
Ko Wairua te awa  
Ko Ngātokimatawhaorua te waka.  
Ngāraratunua te marae  
Ko Te Paea te whare  
Ko Te Kahu o Torongare te mana whenua e  
E mihi kau atu ki a tātou kātoa  
Kua huhui ake nei  
Kua kotahi ai tātou e (hi, hi, hi ha)  
Ko Te Kura o Matarau e maranga ake nei  
Aue, aue - te aroha e

#### Translation

Matarau is the mountain  
Wairua is the river  
Ngātokimatawhaorua is the waka(canoe from the great migration)  
Ngāraratunua is the marae  
Te paea is the meeting house  
Te Kahu of Tongare is the hapu of these lands  
Greetings to us all  
As we gather  
All of us as one  
The school of Matarau rise up  
with love - with feeling

Regards

Kevin Trehwella  
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### Community Notices

**Looking for a Good Home** – Pure bred Labrador, 2 yrs old. Ph 4335965.

**Piano** – Upright piano looking for a good home. If interested please phone Ivy on 021 310 494

**Quarry Arts School Holiday Programme** - Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 9:30am-1:30pm, \$60 a day. Discounts for families and full enrolment. **Bookings essential** [admin@quarryarts.org](mailto:admin@quarryarts.org).

**Quarry Arts After School Programme** - Mondays and Tuesdays (beginning after the holidays) 4pm-5:30pm, \$20. **No bookings necessary - pay as you go** [admin@quarryarts.org](mailto:admin@quarryarts.org)

**Hurupaki Educare - April/May School Holiday Programme** - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May = 8 days, 8.00am to 5.30pm, Hurupaki School Hall. Activities include a trip to the movies, ten pin bowling, party days, balloons, sports day, paper mill, along with other action packed days. OSCAR accredited, families can apply for WINZ assistance - conditions apply. Discounts available for two or more children from the one family. For more info go to [www.schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz](http://www.schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz) or contract Christin on 0274-821331 or [info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz](mailto:info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz) for more information.

**SPCA Holiday Programme** - Children will play with animals, do crafts and learn about the critters they encounter. Forms available from the SPCA or download from [www.whangareispc.co.nz](http://www.whangareispc.co.nz) or 09 4389161.

**Table Tennis Northland** - for Primary & Intermediate School Students, Tuesdays 3.30pm-5.30pm, beginning 6<sup>th</sup> May, Table Tennis Centre, Kensington, Soft-soled shoes must be worn. Bats available to hire or buy or bring your own. Annual Subscription: \$40 or \$2 per session. Enquiries Ph Brent Davies 094027695



**Native Healing Herbals School Holiday Program** - a school holiday program that isn't just about filling in time, kids will learn valuable skills and knowledge on how to make natural products using native plants, no chemicals & beneficial ingredients, in a fun safe environment. Kids will make healing kawakawa balm, all natural lip balm and hair wax, soaps and kowaowao. Ages 9-15 years, boys and girls, limited spaces, bookings essential. For program dates, fees and details refer to [www.nativehealingherbals.co.nz](http://www.nativehealingherbals.co.nz) or phone 02102892743 / 0212335438